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SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF TENG HSIAO-PING AS VICE-CHAIRMAN OF
CCP MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMISSION

1. WE HAVE HEARD FROM FRENCH MILITARY ATTACHE
COL. CHRISTIAN BES DE BERC THAT THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS
BUREAU OF THE PRC MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE
TELEPHONED HIM FEB 1 TO INFORM HIM TENG HSIAO-PING
HAD BEEN APPOINTED A VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE CCP CENTRAL
COMMITTEE'S MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMISSION. UNLIKE
SITUATION WHEREBY FOREIGN NEWSMEN IN PEKING SOUGHT
OUT INFORMATION DEPARTMENT OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS FOR CONFIRMATION THAT TENG HAD BEEN NAMED
CHIEF OF THE PLAN GENERAL STAFF, CHINESE TOOK THE
INITIATIVE IN TELLING BES DE BERC OF TENG'S APPOINTMENT
TO THE MAC POST.

2. COMMENT: EVIDENTLY THE CHINESE WANTED TO MAKE
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SURE THAT FOREIGN DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY WAS FULLY

AWARE OF "ALL" TENG HSIAO-PING'S NEW APPOINTMENTS IN
THE PLA MILITARY HIERARCHY. AS FAR AS WE KNOW,
NONE OF THE FOREIGN NEWSMEN QUESTIONED THE CHINESE
ABOUT TENG BEING NAMED ONE OF THE MAC VICE-CHAIRMEN.
THIS PRESUMABLY IS A MORE PRESTIGIOUS
POST THAN CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF. IT ALSO LENDS
CREDENCE TO ANOTHER STORY GOING AROUND TOWN SOURCED TO
THE ROMANIANS THAT ALL FIVE OF THE PARTY VICE CHAIRMEN
ARE ON THE MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMISSION.
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